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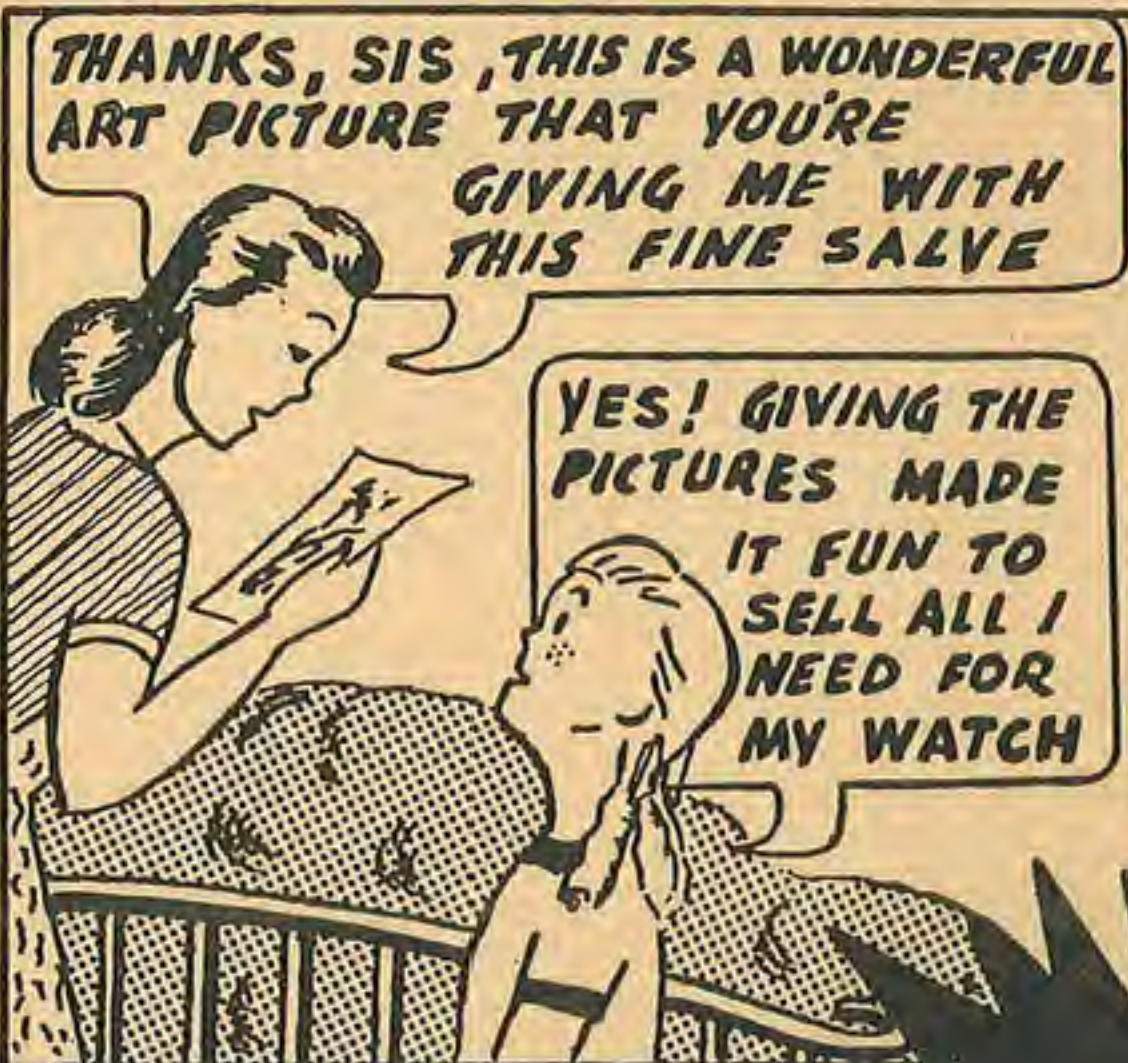
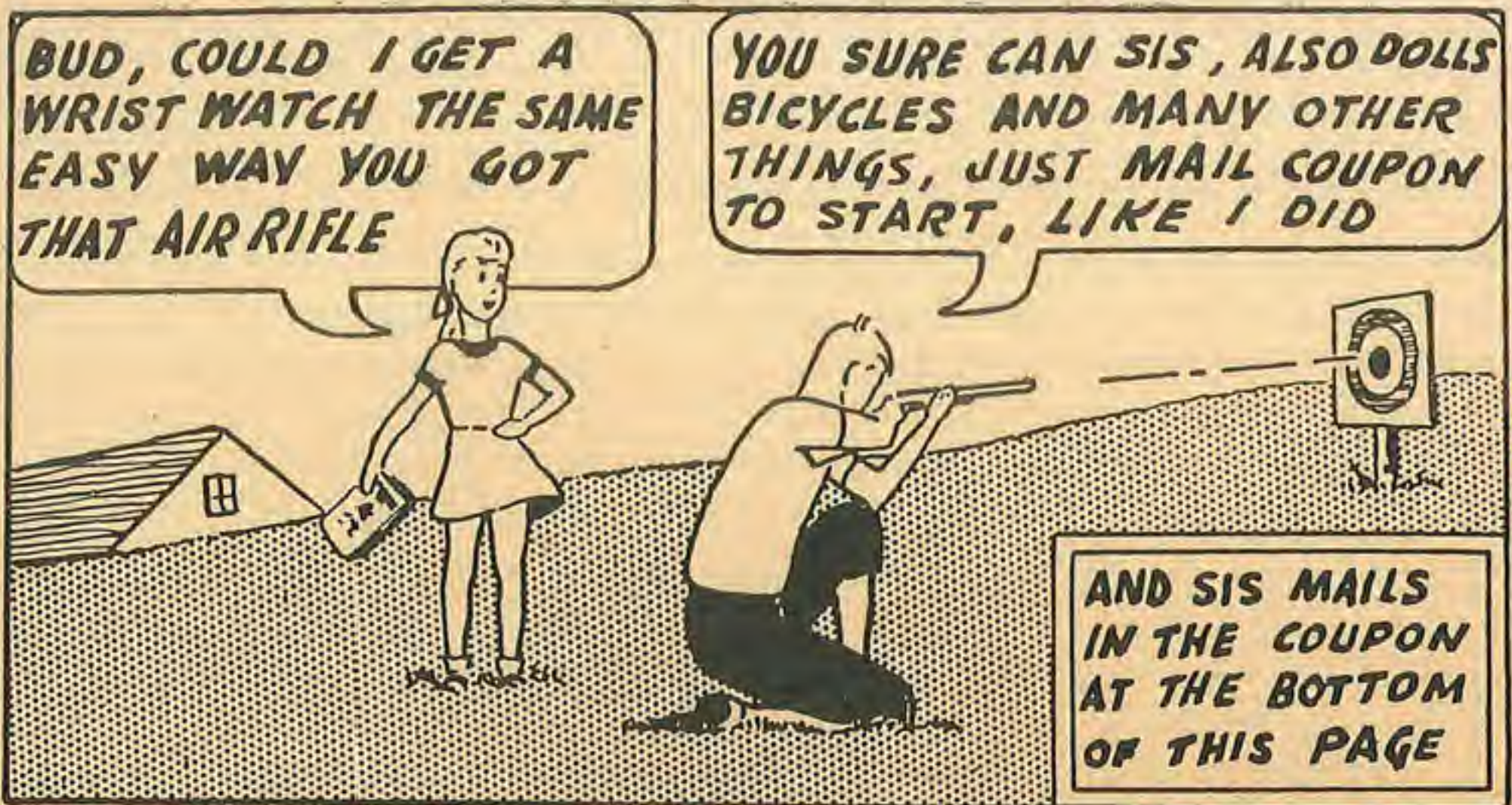
LOVE LETTERS

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the supreme happiness
of being in the arms of
someone I loved?"

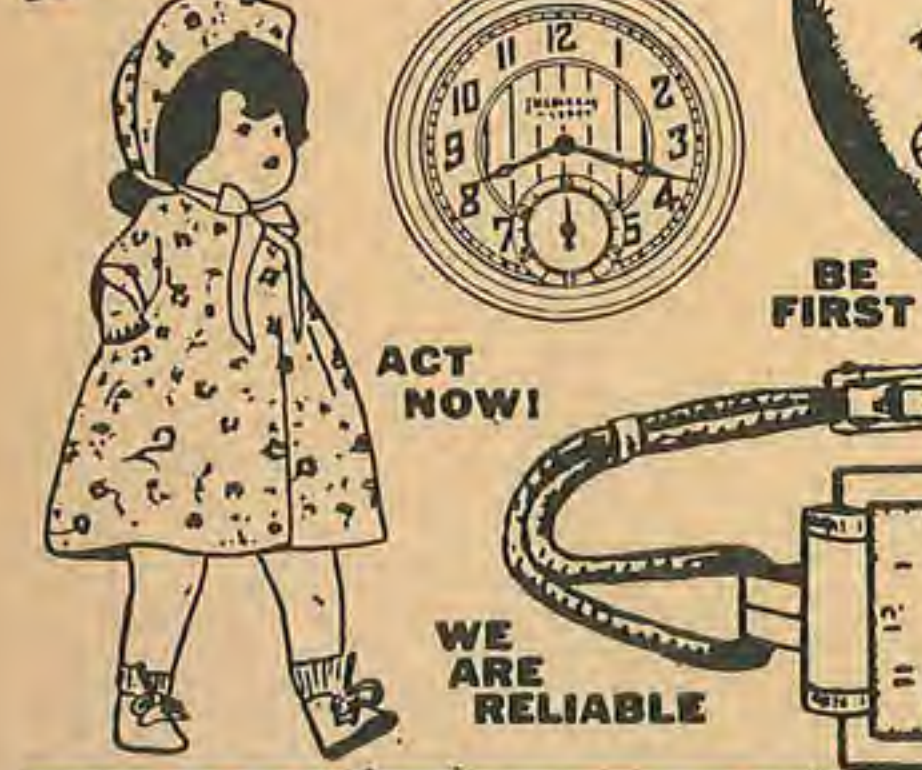
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HAD THE SWEETHEART PARADE PASSED ME BY? WAS I NEVER TO EXPERIENCE THE SUPREME HAPPINESS OF BEING IN THE ARMS OF SOMEONE I LOVED? SUDDENLY I SAW MYSELF AS I WAS, A SAD AND SOLITARY FIGURE, THE GIRL WHO HAD ALWAYS BEEN EVERYBODY'S PAL AND WOULD NEVER BE ANYBODY'S DARLING!

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I WAS THE SORT OF GAL MEN LIKED AND TRUSTED ---AND ASKED FOR LAST MINUTE DATES!

PEGGY, SOME OF US HAD A LITTLE PARTY COOKED UP FOR TONIGHT BUT MY DATE CAN'T MAKE IT! WILL YOU GO WITH ME?



SURE, I'D LIKE TO!

SWELL! I'LL HAVE A BETTER TIME WITH YOU ANYWAY!



THAT'S A LINE, BUT I'LL LET YOU GET BY WITH IT!

THE GIRLS DEPENDED ON ME, TOO, WHEN THERE WAS AN EXTRA FELLOW ON THE SCENE!

GOSH, I'M ALL SET TO GO TO A DANCE WITH JIM TONIGHT, PEGGY, AND MY BIG BOY COUSIN DROPPED IN AT HOME!



DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD! I CAN GUESS THE REST!

WILL YOU GO ALONG AND MAKE IT A FOUR-SOME? HE'S REALLY VERY NICE AND YOU ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO PUT PEOPLE AT EASE!

OKAY! PICK ME UP AT EIGHT! I'LL BE READY!



I'LL ADMIT I HAD A WAY WITH MEN---A FRIENDLY WAY! IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE I WORKED WITH SO MANY AT THE ADVERTISING AGENCY! I WAS PEGGY PHILLIPS, THE PAL! ESPECIALLY TO STEVE WINSTON!

HI, STEVE! WHAT'S NEW?

HOPE I'M NOT BARGING IN HERE WHEN YOU'RE BUSY!



NOT AT ALL! I WASN'T DOING A THING! SIT DOWN!

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING EITHER! JUST HAD A SPAT WITH HELEN!



IS THERE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THAT?

GUESS NOT! WE SEEM TO QUARREL PRETTY OFTEN! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME THAT I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH HER, HUH?



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STEVE AND I HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS! WE HAD GONE TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AND OUR FAMILIES WERE FRIENDS! STEVE'S FATHER OWNED THE WINSTON DEPARTMENT STORE AND STEVE WAS WORKING HIS WAY UP! HE WAS A WONDERFUL GUY AND SMART TOO!



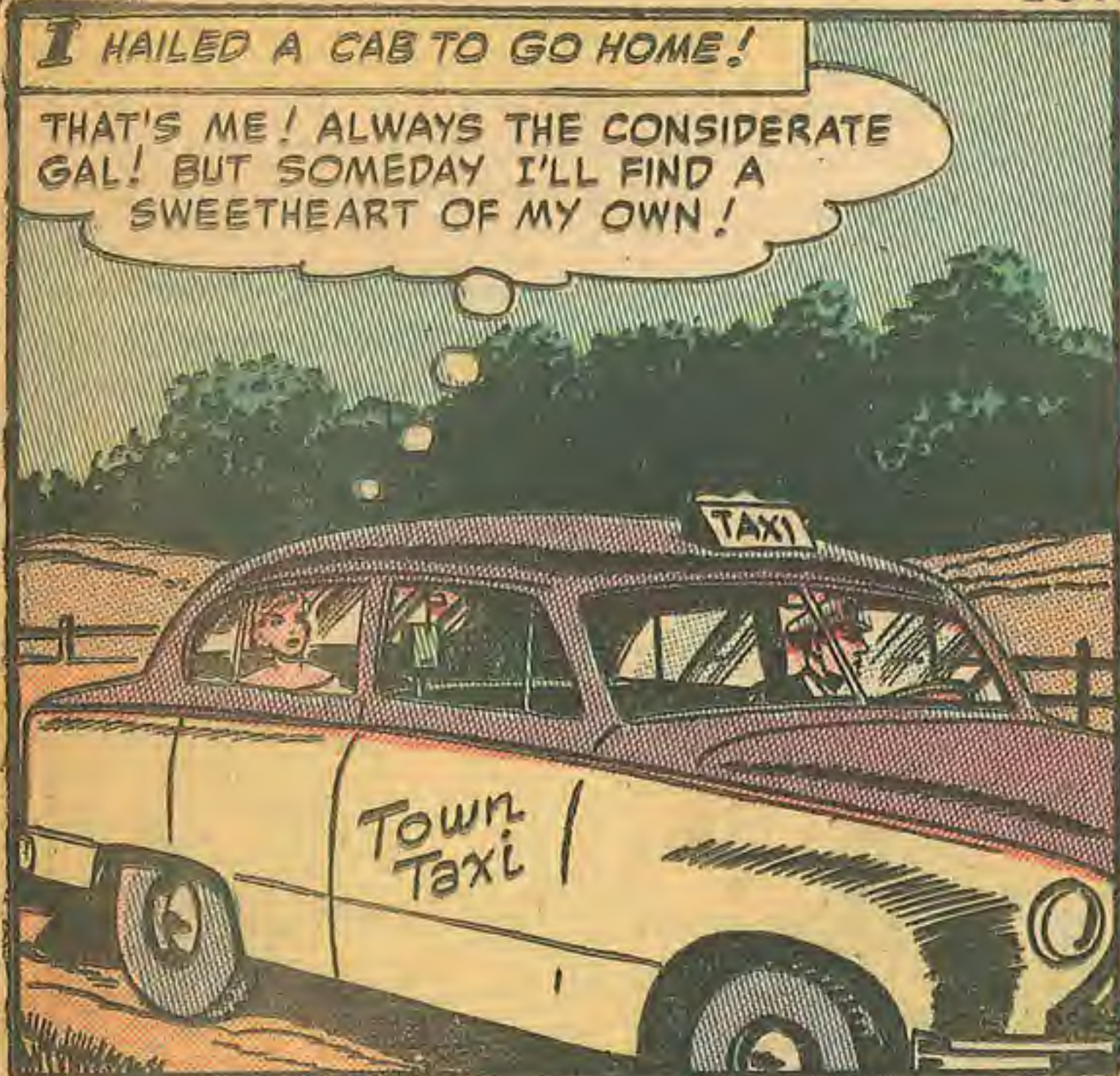
Then AS WE WALKED TOWARD THE CLUBHOUSE---



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I HAILED A CAB TO GO HOME!

THAT'S ME! ALWAYS THE CONSIDERATE GAL! BUT SOMEDAY I'LL FIND A SWEETHEART OF MY OWN!



I WAS PROUD TO BE THE PERSON EVERYONE CALLED UPON AND CONFIDED IN! I WAS A GOOD GAL AND THAT WAS FINE, UP TO A POINT! FINALLY I FOUND MYSELF BEING LEFT BEHIND!

TAKING UP A COLLECTION FOR A WEDDING PRESENT! GOSH! THE WAY THE GUYS AROUND HERE ARE GETTING MARRIED, THERE WON'T BE ANY SINGLE ONES LEFT!

YOU'RE RIGHT! ROMANCE SEEMS TO BE RAMPANT THESE DAYS!



ANOTHER SHOWER! SEEMS AS IF THERE'S ONE EVERY WEEK!



GEE, HONEY, IT'S WONDERFUL! I KNOW YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY!

THANKS! I'M SO THRILLED I'M ALMOST SPEECHLESS!



YOU'RE NEXT, PEGGY!

YOU'RE THE ONLY UN-MARRIED GIRL LEFT IN THE CLUB NOW!

GOOD HEAVENS! LOOKS AS IF I'M TO BE AN OLD MAID!



IT HADN'T BOTHERED ME BEFORE BUT ALL EVENING MY OWN WORDS KEPT RINGING IN MY EARS, "THE OLD MAID"! AS I WALKED HOME, I FELT THAT I HAD SUDDENLY BECOME A STRANGER TO MY OWN FRIENDS!

THEIR HUSBANDS CAME TO GET THEM! AND ALL THEY TALKED ABOUT WAS HOUSES, CURTAINS, RECIPES, AND BABIES!



WHEN PEOPLE GET MARRIED, THEIR INTERESTS CHANGE! I DON'T FIT IN ANY MORE! GUESS I MISSED THE BOAT!



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I WAS SURPRISED WHEN STEVE RUSHED OUT TO MEET ME AS I CAME HOME!



I'M LEAVING FOR A FEW MONTHS TO DO A LITTLE SPECIAL STUDY ON MERCHANDISING AND THEN I'LL HELP DAD MANAGE THE STORE! I KNOW IT'S LATE BUT CAN'T WE GO OUT FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE?



SHE WAS PRETTY UPSET ABOUT IT! BESIDES, I WOULDN'T LEAVE WITHOUT SEEING YOU!

IN THAT CASE, STEVE, WE'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!



WE WENT TO A SMALL PLACE FOR A SNACK AND DANCING! FOR SOME REASON, MY HEART SKIPPED A LOT OF BEATS! HAD THE EVENING MADE ME SENTIMENTAL OR WAS IT STEVE HIMSELF?

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM AND HAVEN'T REALIZED IT BEFORE?



WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME...

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET A LITTLE SLEEP TONIGHT! SO I'D BETTER BE ON MY WAY!

GEE, IT WON'T SEEM RIGHT WITHOUT YOU AROUND!



ME AND MY PROBLEMS? IT SHOULD BE A RELIEF!

OH, NO! IT--



YOU'RE A REAL PAL! I THINK YOU'RE SWELL!



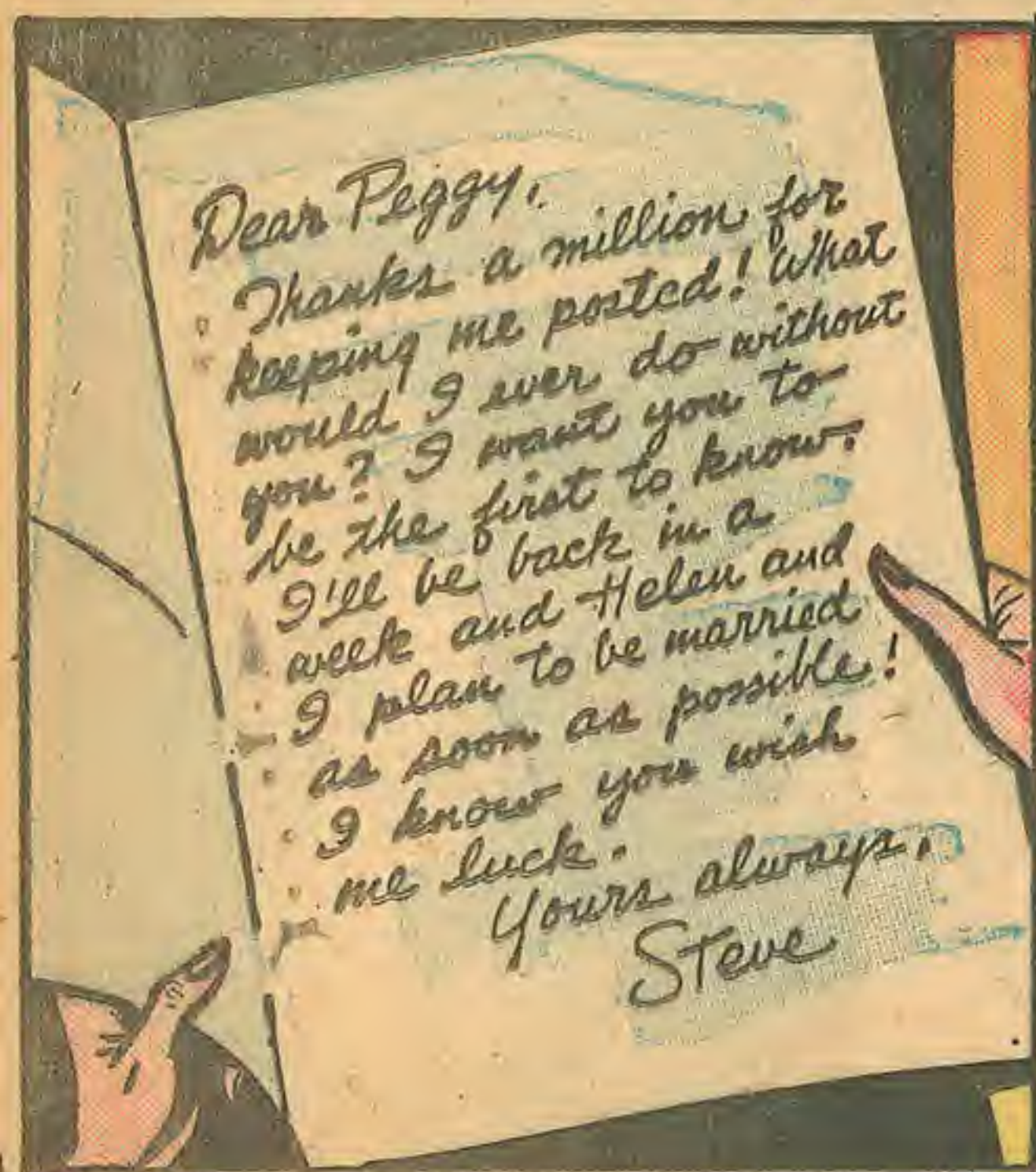
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H HE HAD NEVER KISSED ME BEFORE! IT WASN'T A LOVER'S KISS BUT IT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME WANT MORE! SUDDENLY, MY SUSPICIONS WERE CONFIRMED!



STEVE WROTE AS HE SAID HE WOULD AND I ANSWERED AND GAVE HIM ALL THE NEWS! I BEGAN TO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM HIM AS IF IT WERE THE BIGGEST THING IN MY LIFE!



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DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT IT! YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A PAL BEFORE! NOBODY'S GOING TO INSIST UPON IT, DARLING!

I GUESS THAT'S BEEN MY TROUBLE! ALWAYS A PAL AND NOBODY'S DARLING!

STEVE CAME HOME BEFORE HE HAD PLANNED! HE WAS WAITING WHEN I LEFT THE OFFICE!

HI, HONEY! SURPRISE! FLEW IN AN HOUR AGO!

STEVE! YOUR LETTER SAID IT WOULD BE A WEEK!



CHANGED MY MIND! WE'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE MY HOMECOMING!

WE? WHAT ABOUT HELEN?



SHE'S AWAY ON A TRIP AND WON'T BE BACK FOR A FEW DAYS! YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE ME STRANDED, WOULD YOU?

NATURALLY NOT! ...HAVEN'T I ALWAYS BEEN A FRIEND IN NEED?

I WONDERED IF MY HEART WOULD BEHAVE BUT I COULDN'T REFUSE! I WANTED TO BE WITH HIM! I KNEW THINGS WOULD NEVER BE THE SAME AFTER HE WAS MARRIED TO HELEN! I WAS GRASPING FOR A FEW LAST FREE MOMENTS!



SUPPOSE YOU'VE BEEN ON THE GO A LOT SINCE I LEFT, AS USUAL?

NO, I'M GETTING A BIT SICK OF ALWAYS BEING THE GAY AND ENTERTAINING FEMALE!



IT'S FUN FOR A WHILE, STEVE! BUT WHERE DOES IT ALL LEAD? TO A REPUTATION OF BEING A GOOD PAL ... THAT'S ALL!

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT?



NO! EVERYBODY WANTS ONE PERSON TO LOVE!

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S WHY I GOT ENGAGED TO HELEN! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN SHE GETS BACK!

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WE WERE TOGETHER A LOT FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS! BUT BEING THE SWELL PAL HAD LOST ITS LUSTRE! IT'S HEART-BREAKING TO BE IN THE ARMS OF THE MAN YOU LOVE AND KNOW THAT HE'S LONGING FOR ANOTHER!



I LOVE HIM TOO MUCH! IT MAY BE EASIER WHEN HELEN GETS BACK! THEN IT WILL BE ALL OVER!

IT WAS OVER SOONER THAN I EXPECTED!

SO! HERE YOU ARE! I WAS TOLD I'D FIND YOU HERE!

HELEN, HONEY!



DON'T YOU HONEY ME! I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN WITH HER EVERY NIGHT, YOU TWO-TIMER!

BUT, BABY, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH PEGGY AND ME!



I CERTAINLY DO! I'VE THOUGHT THAT ALL ALONG!

DON'T MAKE A SCENE IN HERE, HELEN! WE'LL SETTLE IT OUTSIDE!



IT'S SETTLED AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED! OUR ENGAGEMENT'S OFF!

LET ME TALK TO HER, STEVE! MAYBE I CAN EXPLAIN!



There I WAS AGAIN, BEING GOOD OLD PEGGY TO THE RESCUE! I HADN'T TRIED TO STEAL STEVE, BUT MOST OF ALL, I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO BE UNHAPPY!

HELEN, STEVE AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE CHILDREN! I'VE BEEN GOING OUT WITH HIM BUT IT'S ALL BEEN PERFECTLY INNOCENT!

I DOUBT IT! I NEVER TRUSTED YOU, PEGGY PHILLIPS!



ALL RIGHT, THEN, I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH! I LOVE STEVE! BUT I'VE BEEN DECENT ENOUGH NOT TO LET HIM KNOW IT UNTIL RIGHT NOW!

YOU WHAT?



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I LET STEVE STEER ME BECAUSE MY EYES WERE TOO FULL OF TEARS TO SEE! I WAS HUMILIATED AT LOSING MY TEMPER AND CONTRITE FOR HAVING CAUSED TROUBLE BETWEEN THEM! AND MY HEART HURT FOR WANTING HIM!



I WAS STEVE'S DARLING! IT WAS LIKE THE FULFILLMENT OF MY LIFE'S FONDEST DREAM! THE GIRLS GAVE ANOTHER SHOWER BUT THIS TIME IT WAS FOR ME! THE OFFICE TOOK UP ANOTHER COLLECTION FOR A WEDDING GIFT! AND THEN---



Country Cousin

I WAS EMBARRASSED ENOUGH BY MY LACK OF SOPHISTICATION WITHOUT HAVING IT RUBBED IN BY A GLAMOROUS, CONNIVING WOMAN! RITA DOWNING COMPLETELY DESTROYED MY CONFIDENCE AND I KNEW I COULDN'T COPE WITH IT, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT LEAVING HER TO THE MAN I LOVED!

HELLO, KEITH! STILL BEING NICE TO THE LITTLE COUNTRY GIRL, I SEE!



MY ARRIVAL IN THE CITY WAS MERELY A FORE-RUNNER OF THINGS TO COME! I HAD BEGGED AND PLEADED FOR THIS CHANCE BUT SUDDENLY I WISHED I HAD NEVER COME!

ALL THESE PEOPLE! AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO! WHAT IF I MISS AUNT ELLEN?



LUCY, HERE I AM, HONEY!

GEE, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU! I WAS AFRAID I'D NEVER FIND YOU! THIS PLACE IS SO BIG!



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Aunt Ellen had agreed and even urged that I come and live with her! I was thrilled by her pretty apartment! It was so compact and colorful compared to our rambling farmhouse!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE! I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT!

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME! AND I HAVE A BIG SURPRISE!



A JOB! A FRIEND OF MINE HAS ARRANGED IT IN AN INSURANCE OFFICE! YOU'RE TO REPORT TO THE PERSONNEL MANAGER IN THE MORNING!

OH, HOW WONDERFUL! GEE! I WAS SCARED AT THE STATION BUT I'M NOT NOW!



BUT MY FEARS RETURNED DOUBLY THE NEXT DAY AS I STOOD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM AND WAITED TO BE ADMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF MR. KEITH FOSTER!

A MISS MITCHELL IS HERE TO SEE YOU!

I'M EXPECTING HER! SEND HER IN!



THROUGH THIS DOOR! HIS OFFICE IS AT THE END OF THE HALL!

MY KNEES ARE WEAK AND I'M TREMBLING ALL OVER! SILLY OF ME BUT I CAN'T HELP IT!



SO YOU'RE THE NEW GIRL? NOT FROM THE CITY, ARE YOU?

NO, BUT I HOPE I'LL BE SATISFACTORY! I'M GOOD AT TYPING AND SHORTHAND!



DON'T WORRY! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR DESK!

TH-THANKS, MR. FOSTER!



I'LL HAVE SOMEONE TELL YOU WHAT TO DO! IF ANYTHING ISN'T RIGHT, LET ME KNOW!

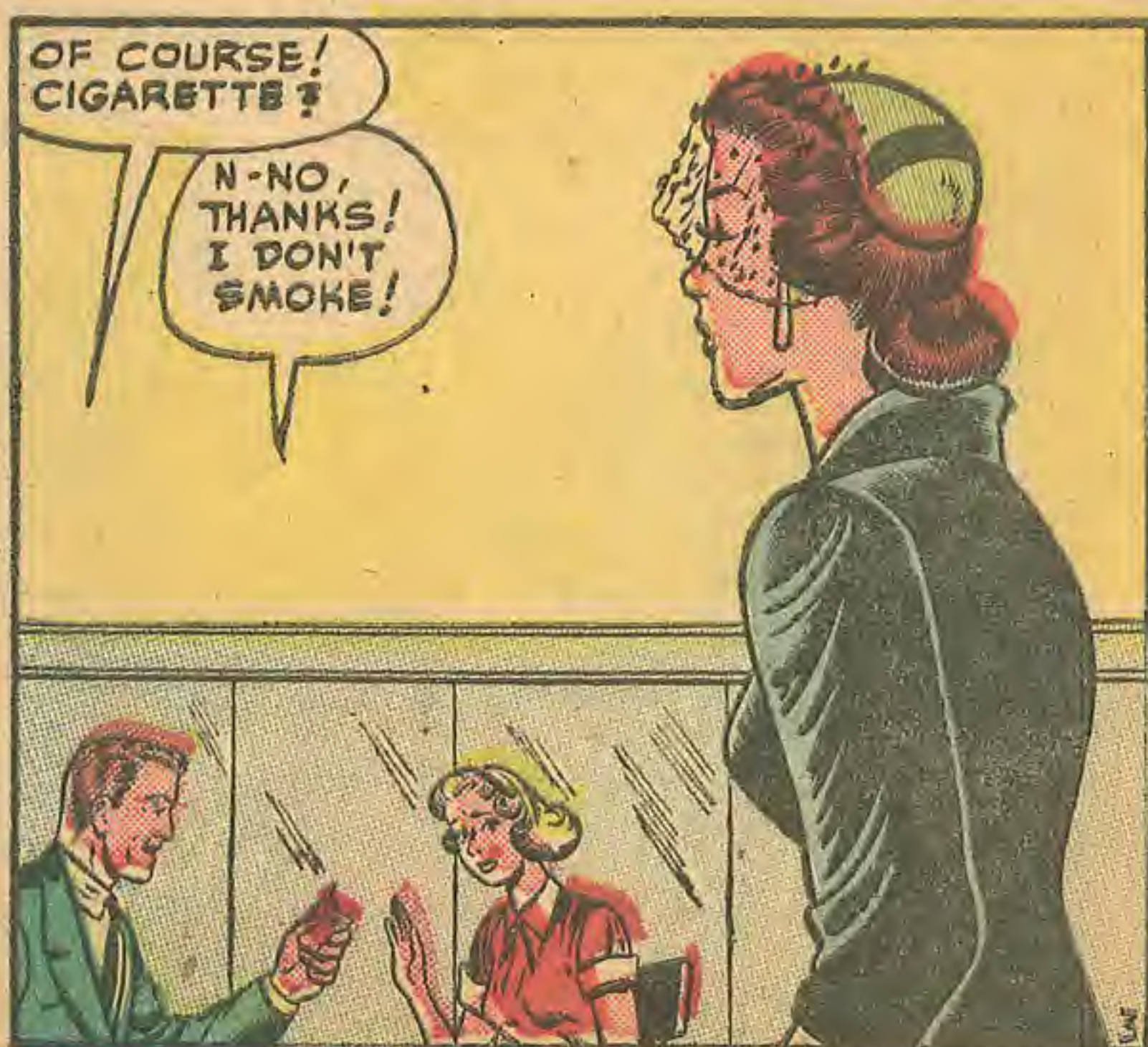
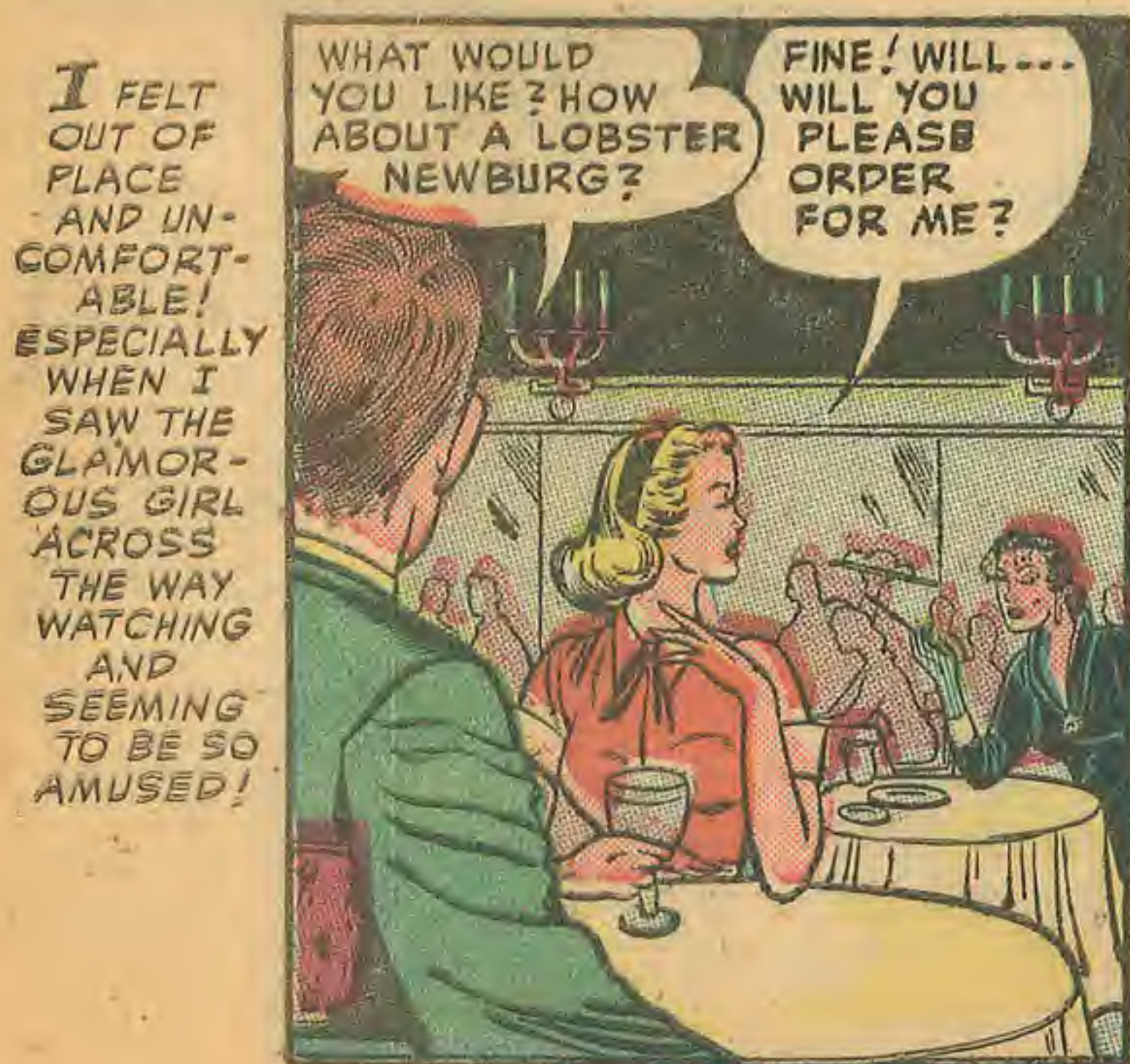
I WILL! AND THANKS!



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I WAS GIVEN WORK AND I DID IT! BUT I FELT SELF-CONSCIOUS AND IMAGINED THAT EVERYONE WAS LOOKING AT ME! LUNCH-TIME CAME AND I LET THE OTHER GIRLS TROOP OUT TOGETHER WHILE I WENT BY MYSELF! BUT ON THE THIRD DAY...



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I WASN'T QUITE SURE WHAT TO DO ABOUT LUNCH! I HAD NEVER EATEN LOBSTER NEWBURG! AND THE ARTI-CHOKES HAD ME COMPLETELY BAFFLED! AND THE ROWS OF SILVER SERVICE!



LOVE IT? I LOVED HIM! IT DIDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE TO FALL HEAD-LONG FOR A MAN BECAUSE HE TOOK YOU TO LUNCH! BUT KEITH HAD BEEN SO UNDER-STANDING WHEN I FELT IN-SECURE! THE NEXT NIGHT==



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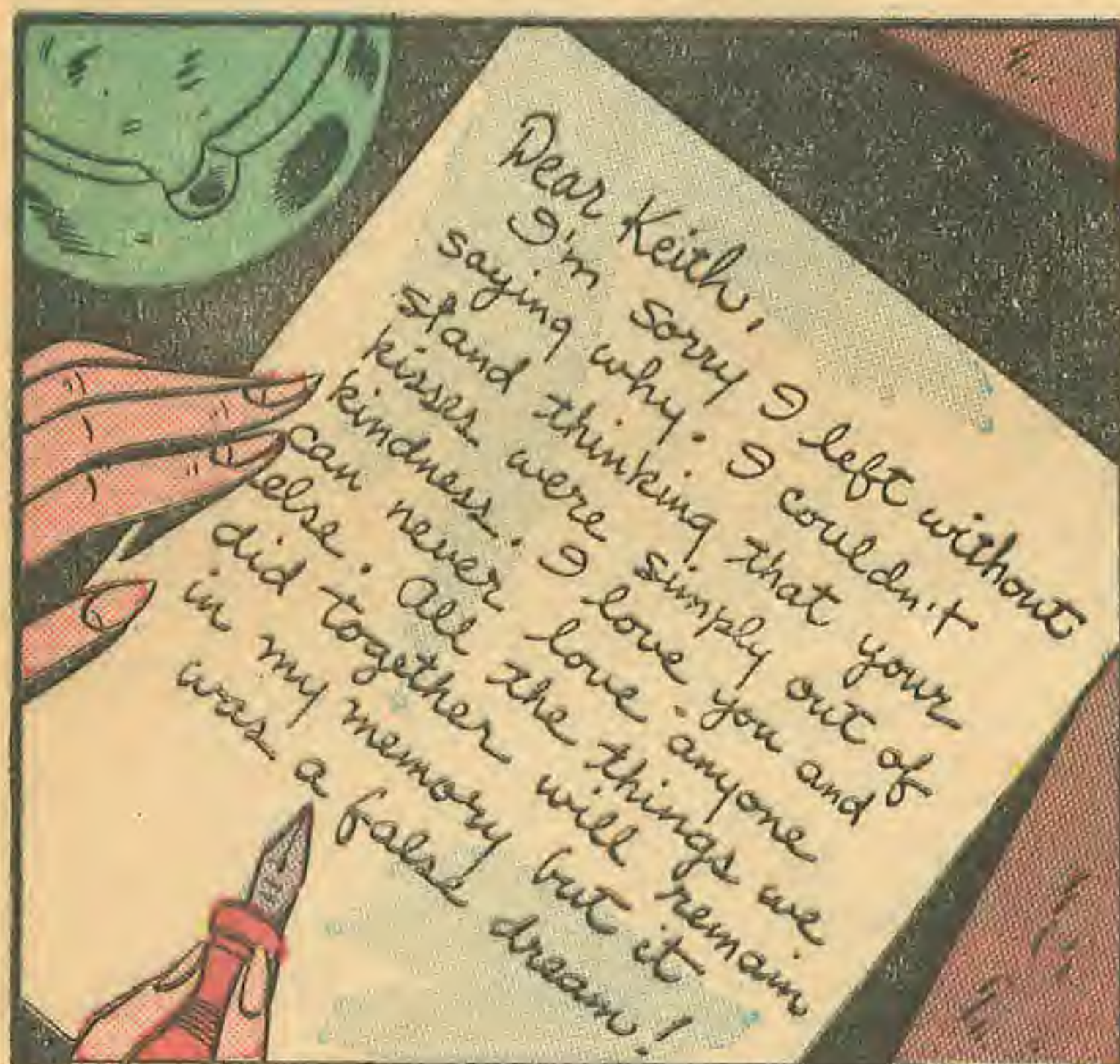
That KISS MADE MY HEART POUND LIKE THE SURGING SEA AGAINST THE ROCKS BELOW! I WANTED MORE KISSES ---AND MORE--- AND MORE! LIKE THE WAVES, NEVER ENDING! BUT IT ENDED THE NEXT DAY, CRUELLY!



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But THE TASTE OF THE CITY MADE ME DISCONTENTED! AND THE LOVE I BORE FOR KEITH WAS HEART-BREAKING! I FELT GUILTY, TOO!



KEITH NEVER SAW THE LETTER! JUST AS WELL! I KNOW NOW THAT HIS KISSES ARE REAL!

LOVE LETTERS

EVERYTHING WAS IN READINESS FOR MY WEDDING...EVERYTHING EXCEPT MY TORTURED, ACHING HEART! HOW COULD I REPEAT THE VOW TO ONE MAN WHEN MY LOVE HAD BEEN STOLEN AND CARRIED AWAY BY ANOTHER? FOR I WAS A...

Kidnapped Bride



IT HAD LONG BEEN ASSUMED THAT I WOULD EVENTUALLY MARRY FOSTER MONROE! FINALLY THE DATE WAS SET AND MY FUTURE WAS, TOO!

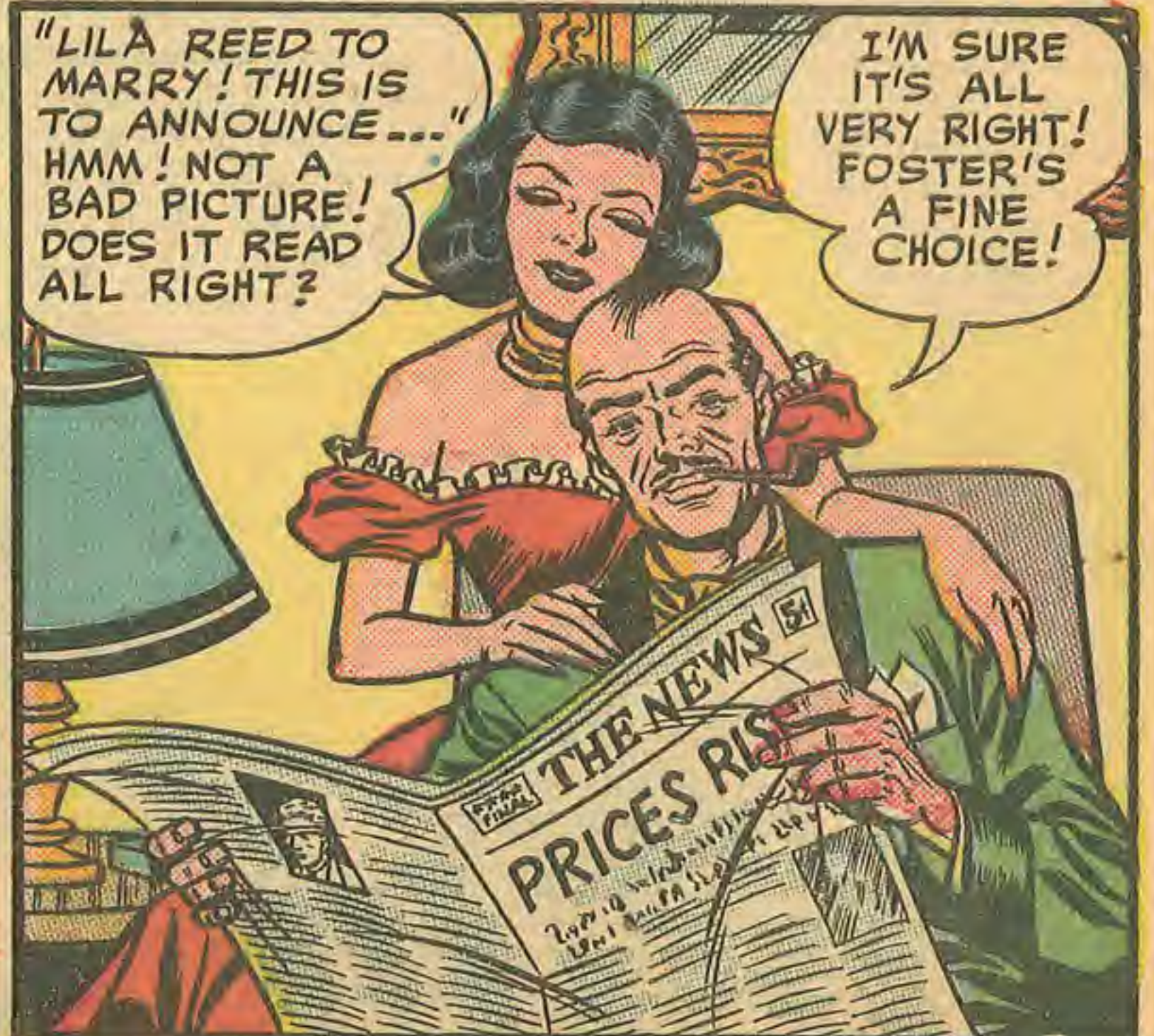
GOOD MORNING, LILA! YOUR PICTURE'S IN THE PAPER WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR APPROACHING MARRIAGE!

IS IT, DAD? LET ME SEE!



"LILA REED TO MARRY! THIS IS TO ANNOUNCE..."
HMM! NOT A BAD PICTURE!
DOES IT READ ALL RIGHT?

I'M SURE IT'S ALL VERY RIGHT!
FOSTER'S A FINE CHOICE!



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WE MET
RANDY
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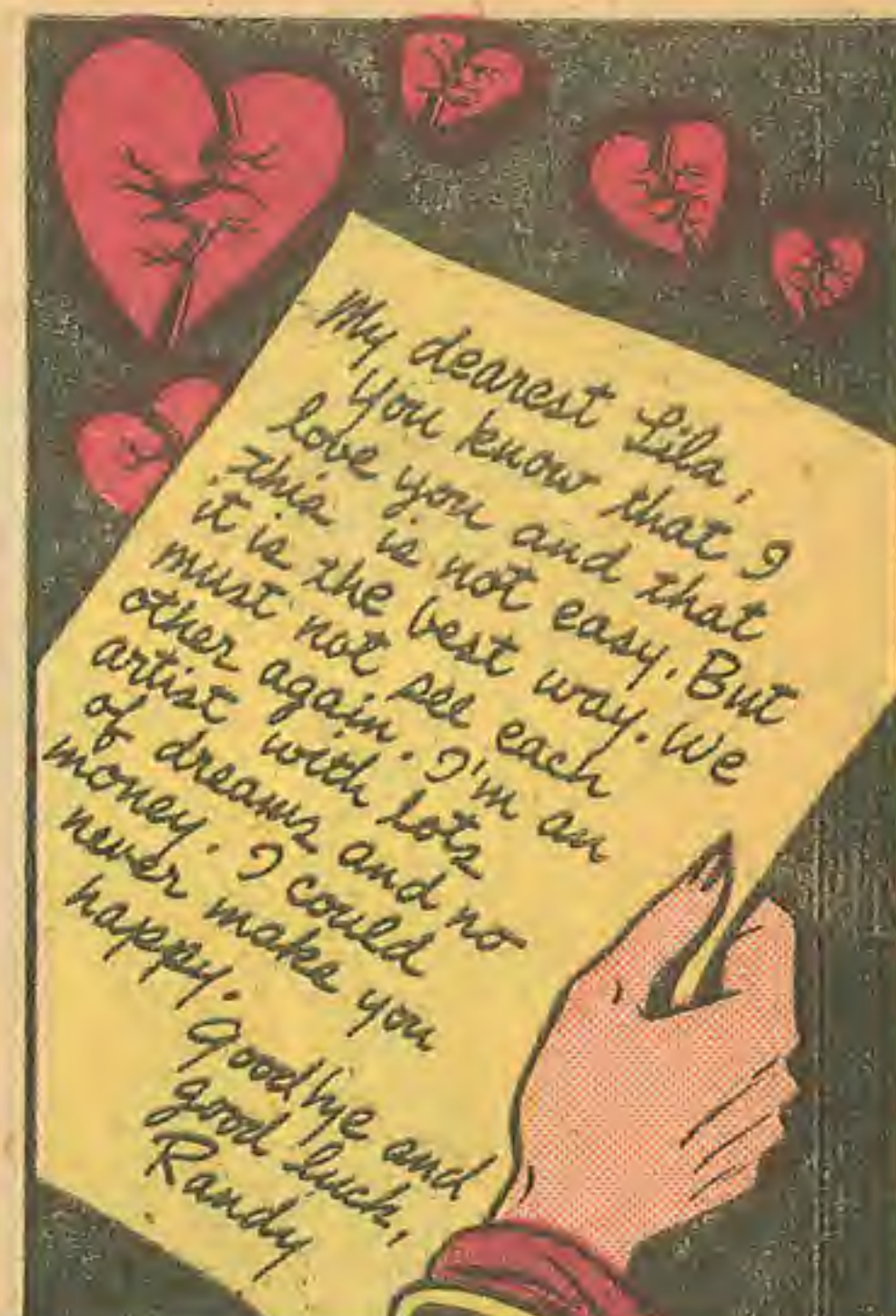
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I SHOULD HAVE TOLD RANDY THEN! I SHOULDN'T HAVE SEEN HIM AFTER THAT! BUT I LONGED FOR HIS KISSES! YET ALWAYS INSIDE ME WAS THE AWFUL AWARENESS OF WRONG-DOING! I DECIDED TO TALK TO DAD!



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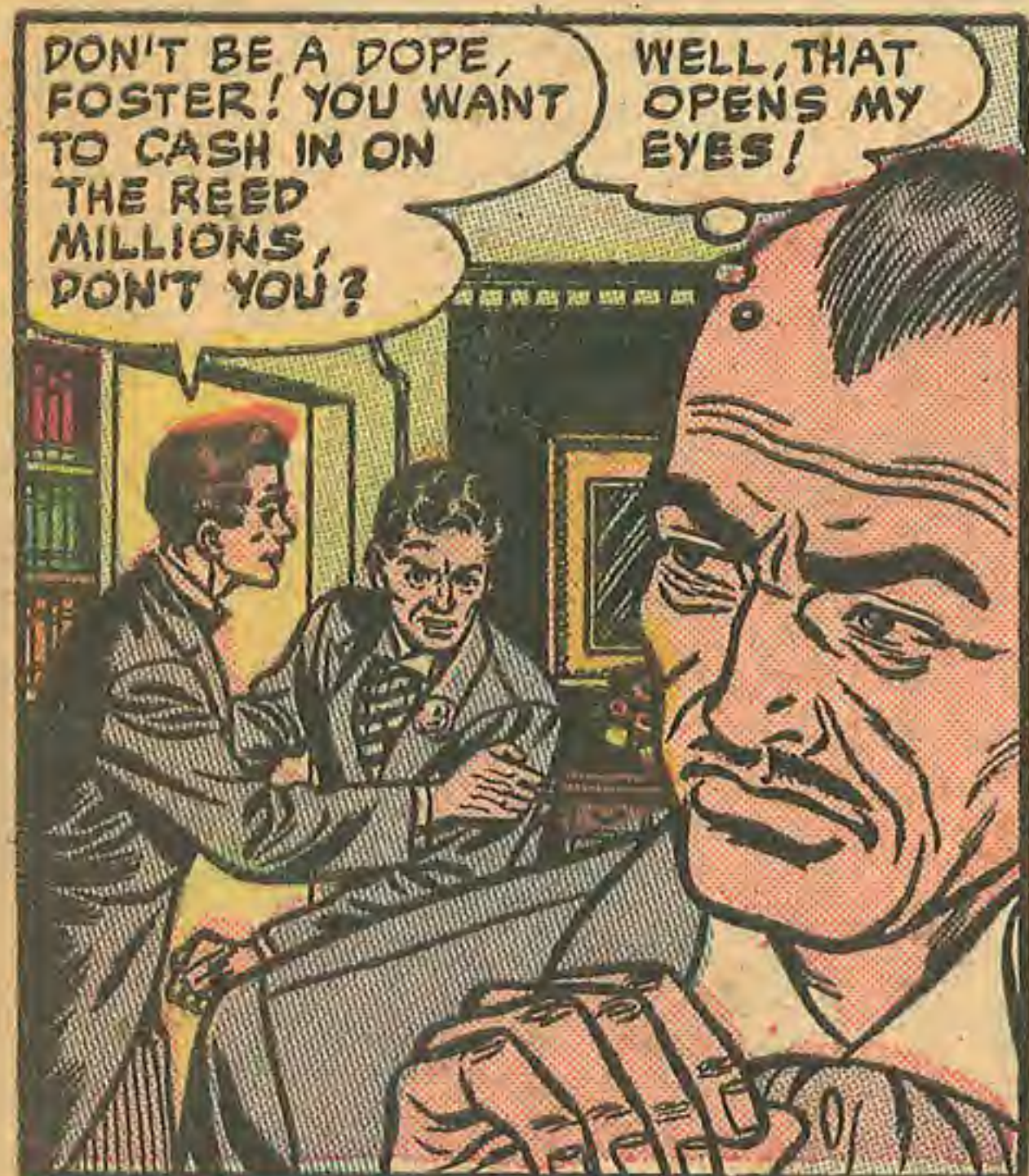
I WENT TO THE OLD MILL AND THE EVERLY GUEST HOUSE BUT RANDY WAS NOT AROUND! PLANS PROGRESSED FOR THE WEDDING AND I TOOK THE ROUTINE NUMBLY AND WITHOUT FEELING!



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Fool
OR NOT!
WEDDING OR NOT! I COULDN'T CONTROL MY BLINDING TEARS! HOW COULD I ANSWER THOSE VOWS WHEN MY HEART BELONGED TO RANDY? I DIDN'T KNOW THE SCENE THAT FOLLOWED UNTIL LATER!



LOVE LETTERS



MARCIA MAKES HER CHOICE

MMARCIA KENT wrote a letter to her best friend back home! It read:

Dear Betty,

Sorry to be slow in answering your letter but I've been so busy that I've hardly had time to breathe. Being a TV actress takes more time than I had expected because of the long rehearsal time and all. But it's terribly exciting and our show seems to be a success. I'm glad to know that you get it out there in Hillsdale.

Besides that I have been besieged with dates. Believe it or not, Betty, there are three really terrific men who are in love with me. I've been going with all of them but I can't keep it up much longer because, in the course of the past few weeks, each one has proposed. I've been putting them off, trying to make up my mind which one I want to marry.

Larry Marlowe is an actor on our show so you've seen him over TV and I know you'll agree with me that he's really something to look at. And he's a lot of fun. He's crazy about modern music and keeps me out till the wee small hours of the night doing the city's hot spots. Two nights ago we went to Jimmy Lane's and sat in on a real jam session. He's taken me to a lot of little foreign restaurants, too, and introduced me to kinds of food I'd never even heard of. Italian, Spanish, Armenian, Brazilian. You'd adore it. One night we went to a small Mexican night club and the music and dancing were out of this world. I guess you can tell that he's been showing me a grand time. He doesn't make any more money than I do but we have a lot in common and could go on with our careers together. And life with him would never be dull. Sometimes I think that's more important than security.

But speaking of security, Betty, listen to this. Another of the three is the Vice President of the Viceroy Home Products Company, our sponsor. His name is Steven Brentwood and he's sharp when it comes to business. I've been told that he's the smartest man in the company with a salary that would floor you. How Steven has stayed a bachelor is more than I can figure out. He's very intellectual and I must say that dating him has done a lot to improve my mind. He has taken me to theatre premieres which I love. And a week ago tonight, we saw the ballet. After he explained it to me, I really enjoyed it a lot and the dancing was beautiful. The opera still doesn't

mean much to me but Steven says it takes time to learn to appreciate it and I'm trying. He has a simply gorgeous penthouse apartment and a country home besides. There'd be no worried about the future with Steven and I guess that's pretty important when it comes to considering marriage.

The third man in my life is Dickie Anders. He's a honey. I guess you'd call him a playboy because he lives off the family fortune and does nothing for an income except clip coupons. Nice work if you can get it. Dickie is a dapper looking fellow and quite a favorite in the social set. In fact—and this should surprise you—my name has appeared with his in the gossip and society columns. They say that we have been seen together at the Club Armano or the Flamingo or the Parisienne Room. He owns a stable, too, so naturally we take in the races. It would be a gay life if I could live up to it. I must say it's pretty tempting. Can you imagine your old Hillsdale High pal as a pillar of society?

I guess you can see, Betty, what a dither I'm in. They're all simply marvelous men. And I mustn't forget to mention that I had a letter from Sandy yesterday. He says he's coming here for a few days to see about a job he's been offered as a salesman with his oil company. I'll be glad to see him and hear all the news from home and show him the sights of the city. Only I wonder how my old boy friend's going to take it when he finds out I'm soon to be married to somebody else!

Hope you don't mind my rambling on so long about my romances but I knew you'd be interested. It's a problem nobody can settle but me but I'll let you know which one I choose. And be sure to write me again real soon.

Much love, Betty dear,

Marcia

A week later, Marcia wrote another letter!

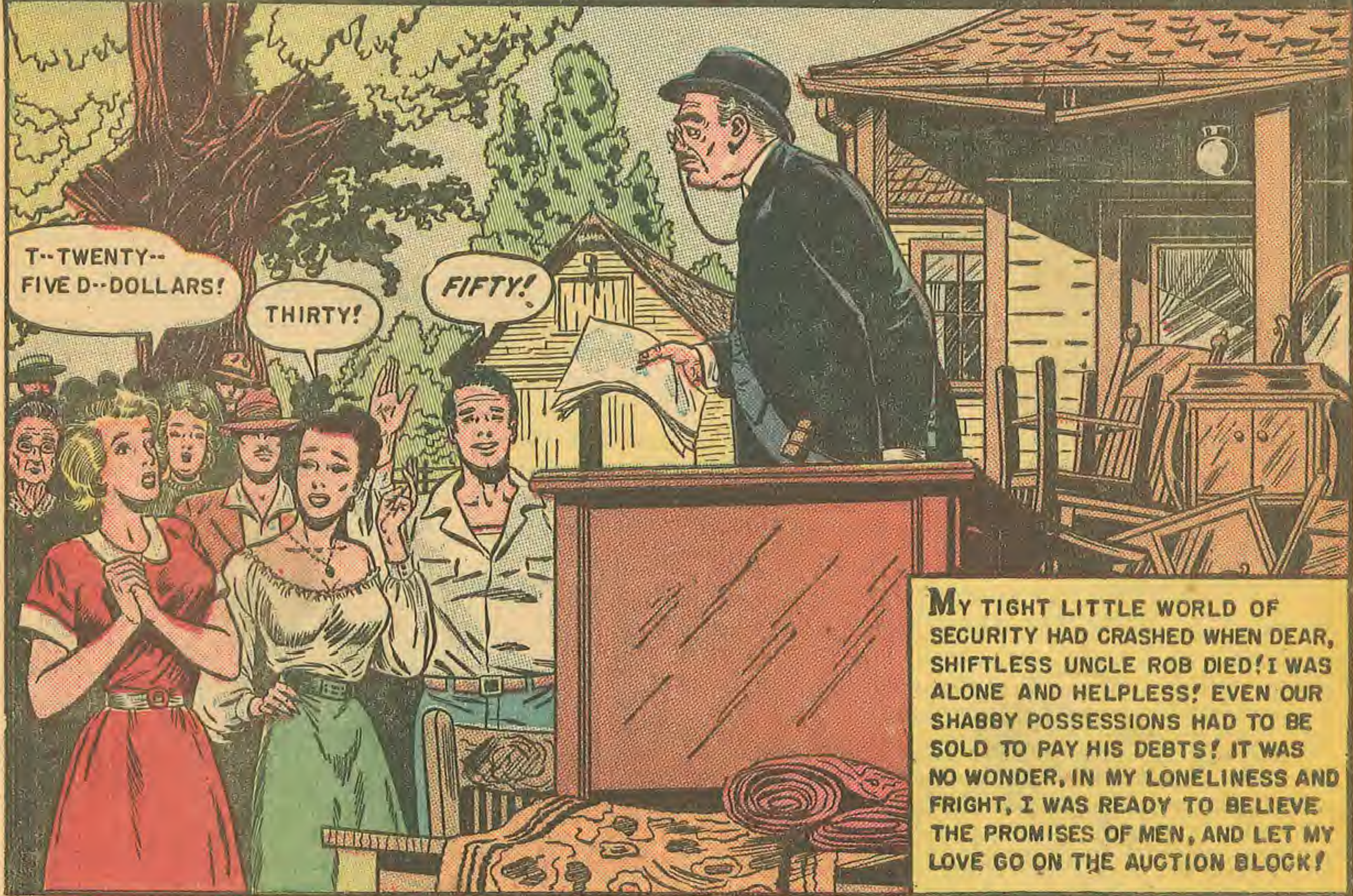
Dearest Betty,

Just a brief note. I have a surprise for you. Sandy and I were married yesterday. He's the sweetest, most wonderful guy I ever knew. Guess there's nobody like somebody from home.

Love,

Marcia

THE HEIRLOOM



MY TIGHT LITTLE WORLD OF SECURITY HAD CRASHED WHEN DEAR, SHIFTLESS UNCLE ROB DIED! I WAS ALONE AND HELPLESS! EVEN OUR SHABBY POSSESSIONS HAD TO BE SOLD TO PAY HIS DEBTS! IT WAS NO WONDER, IN MY LONELINESS AND FRIGHT, I WAS READY TO BELIEVE THE PROMISES OF MEN, AND LET MY LOVE GO ON THE AUCTION BLOCK!

I had known what must happen, even before Banker Sykes and his son, Fred, drove out to the little farm that had been my home since Dad died...



GULP! UNCLE ROB WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME...KIND AND GOOD!

AND SHIFTLESS, JANE! WE MUST FACE THE HARD FACTS! ROB LEFT A NOTE AT MY BANK, AND NO MONEY TO PAY IT! IT MUST BE PAID!



ALL...ALL RIGHT, MR. SYKES! I KN--KNOW THE NOTE MUST BE P--PAID!

When Banker Sykes drove away, I could no longer hold back the bitter tears!

AW, WHAT'S THE USE OF CRYING, JANIE? YOU OUGHT TO BE GLAD TO GET RID OF THIS OLD JUNK!

I C-CAN'T HELP IT! MAYBE IT ISN'T FINE FURNITURE LIKE YOURS BUT TH-THIS WAS MY HOME!



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ONE OLD DESK... IT WASN'T UNCLE ROB'S! THIS BELONGED TO MY F-FATHER! IT'S ALL I HAVE TO REMEMBER HIM BY!

NOT THIS DESK! YOU CAN'T SELL THIS, FRED! IT WASN'T UNCLE ROB'S! THIS BELONGED TO MY F-FATHER! IT'S ALL I HAVE TO REMEMBER HIM BY!



SORRY, SUGAR, BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T A BILL OF SALE TO PROVE THAT, IT GOES WITH THE REST! THAT'S THE LAW!

OH, NO! I W-WON'T LET IT GO! IT'S MINE, I TELL YOU...



NOW, NOW, HONEY... IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, MAYBE I'LL BUY IT BACK FOR YOU MYSELF! EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN VERY NICE TO ME!

DON'T! PLEASE, FRED... NOT NOW!



I couldn't pretend not to understand Fred's meaning! Sometimes it seemed I had been fighting him off all my life!



AW, GROW UP, JANIE! HAVEN'T YOU CAUGHT ON YET? I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME! I'M NUTS ABOUT YOU... ALWAYS HAVE BEEN!

MARRY YOU?

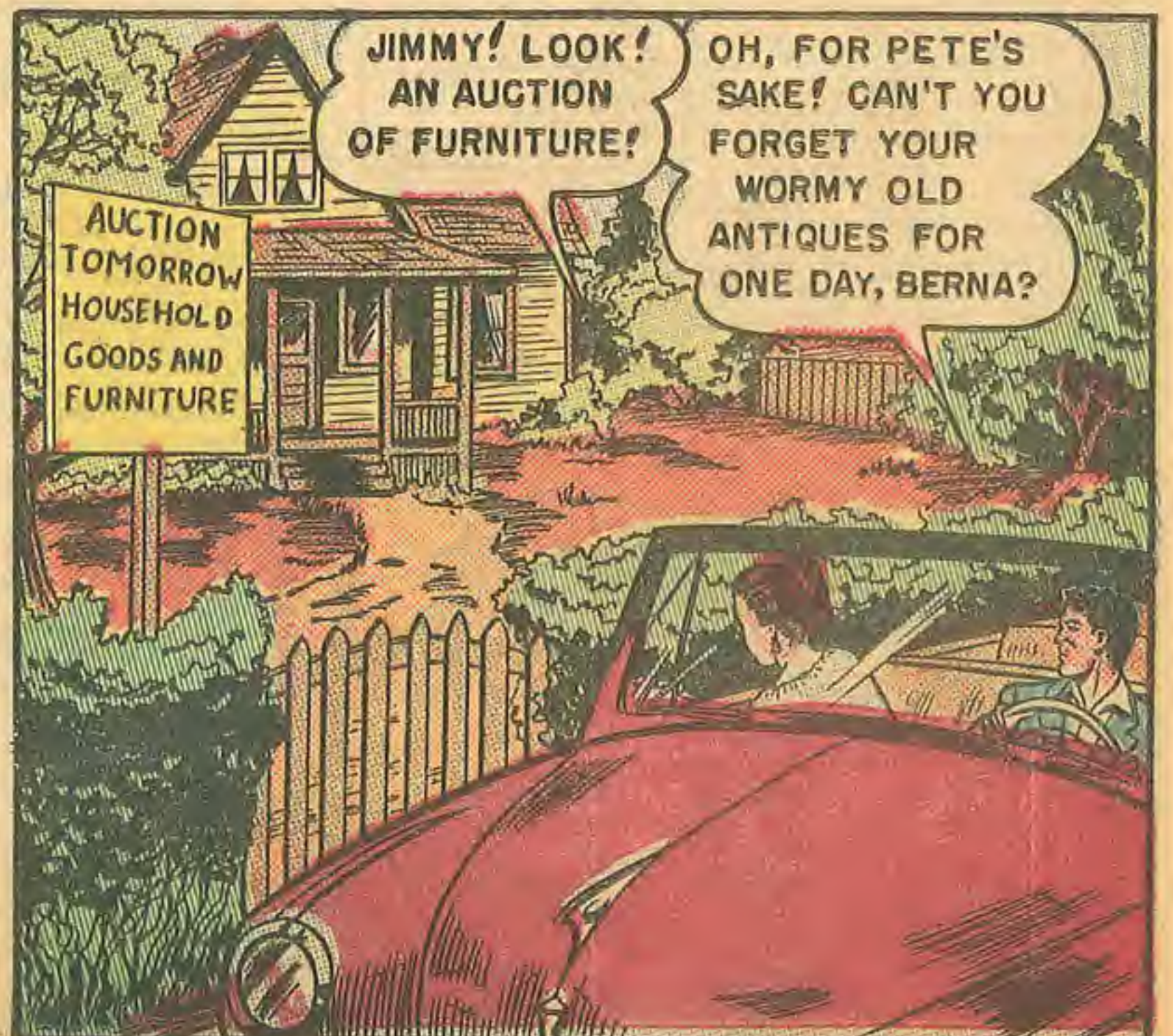


MY OLD MAN SAYS IF I'LL SETTLE DOWN WITH A NICE GIRL, HE'LL GIVE ME A BETTER JOB IN THE BANK! YOU CAN'T GO ON ALONE!

BUT I DON'T LOVE YOU, FRED... AND I'M SURE YOU DON'T LOVE ME! NOT REAL, LASTING LOVE...



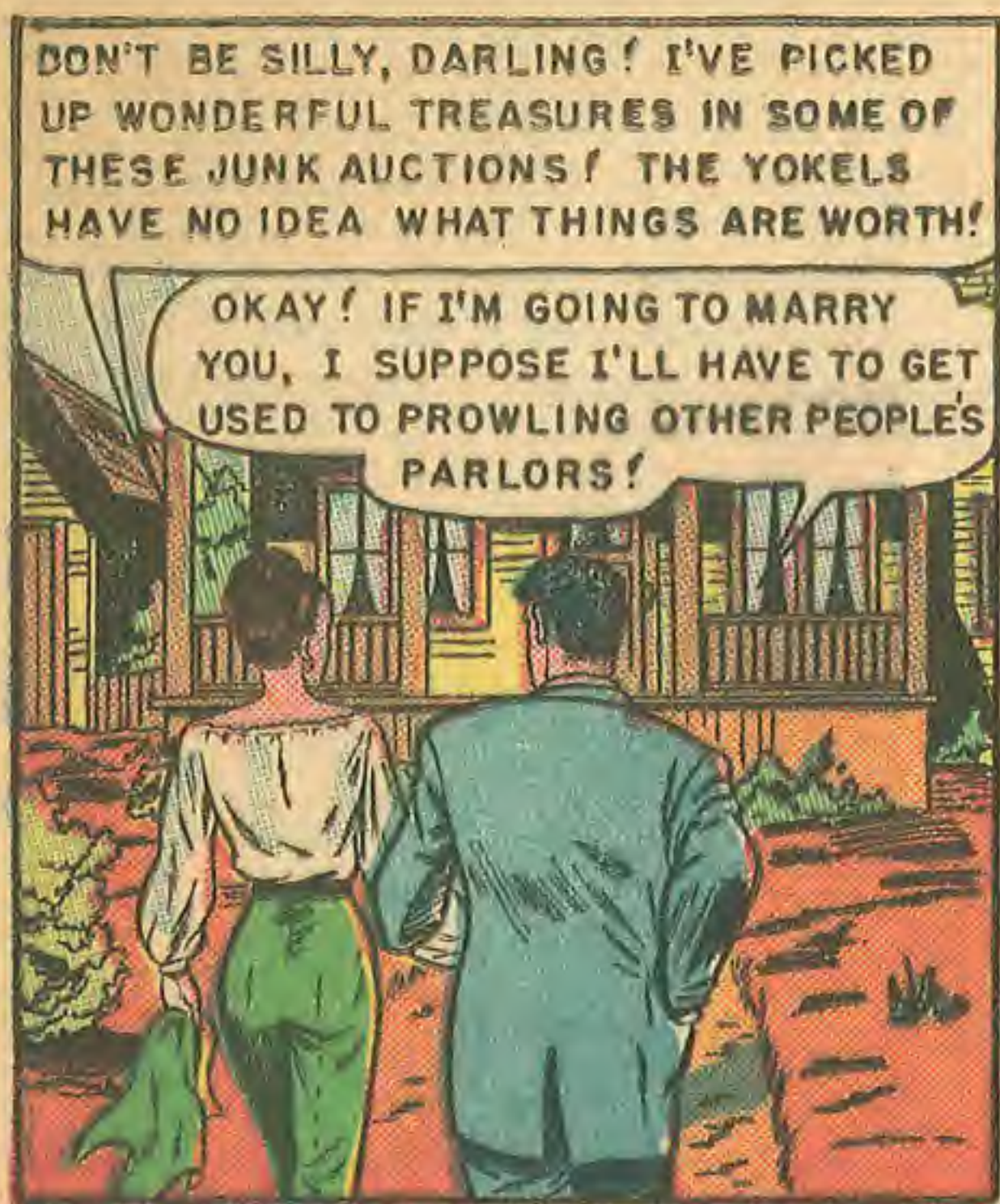
Just then we were interrupted by the sudden screech of car brakes outside! Two strangers in a convertible were stopping!



JIMMY! LOOK! AN AUCTION OF FURNITURE!

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE! CAN'T YOU FORGET YOUR WORMY OLD ANTIQUES FOR ONE DAY, BERNA?

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DON'T BE SILLY, DARLING! I'VE PICKED UP WONDERFUL TREASURES IN SOME OF THESE JUNK AUCTIONS! THE YOKELS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THINGS ARE WORTH!

OKAY! IF I'M GOING TO MARRY YOU, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO PROWLING OTHER PEOPLE'S PARLORS!

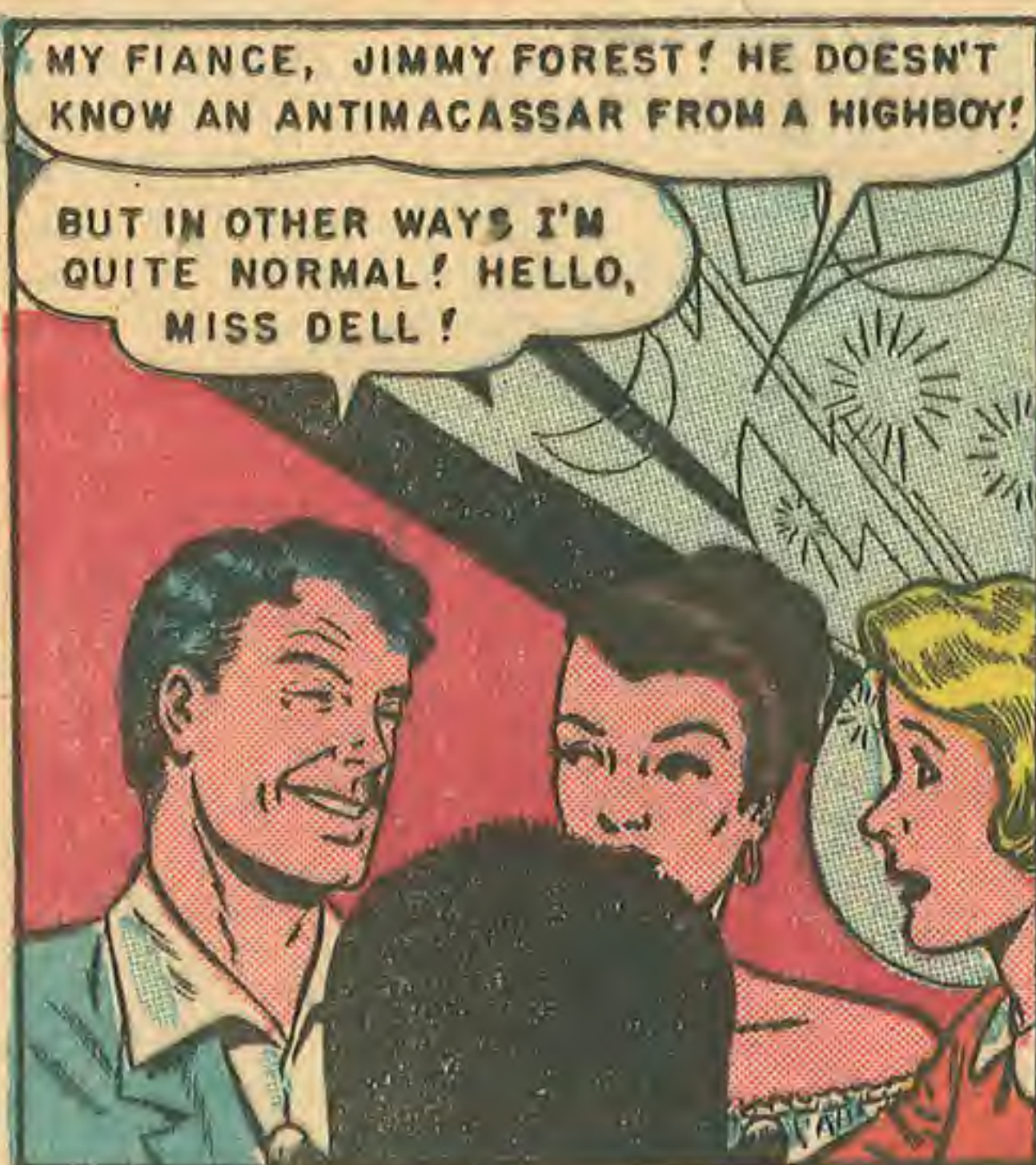
Fred was at my heels as I went to the door! His panting excitement over any new girl was a familiar spectacle!



I SAW YOUR AUCTION SIGN, MY DEAR, AND WONDERED IF I MIGHT EXAMINE THE FURNITURE! I'M BERNA MASON, FROM THE MASON ANTIQUE SHOP!

OF COURSE, MISS MASON! I'M JANE DELL, AND THIS IS FRED SYKES FROM THE BANK! YOU'RE WELCOME TO LOOK AROUND!

She introduced her companion ...and suddenly my heart was pounding madly and my breath seemed locked in my aching throat! The touch of his hand sent an electric thrill through me!



MY FIANCE, JIMMY FOREST! HE DOESN'T KNOW AN ANTIMACASSAR FROM A HIGHBOY!

BUT IN OTHER WAYS I'M QUITE NORMAL! HELLO, MISS DELL!



YOU CAN WAIT OUT HERE, JIMMY! I KNOW HOW BORED YOU GET WHEN I LOOK AT FURNITURE!

ER... WHY DON'T YOU STAY AND KEEP HIM COMPANY, JANE? SINCE I'M HANDLING THE SALE, I'D BETTER SHOW MISS MASON AROUND!

My cheeks flamed as I heard Fred's babbling voice from inside!



HER UNCLE WAS AN OLD NO-GOOD! MY BANK HAS HAD TO TAKE OVER HERE TO SEE IF WE CAN GET PART OF OUR MONEY BACK!

OH...!

I'M SORRY!



UNCLE ROB WAS FINE AND GOOD! JUST BECAUSE HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN GRABBING FOR MONEY ALL THE TIME...

THERE, THERE, MISS DELL...JANE! DON'T LET THAT LOUDMOUTH UPSET YOU! ER... HE ISN'T YOUR BOY FRIEND, BY ANY CHANCE?



HE... HE WANTS TO MARRY ME, BUT I CAN'T STAND HIM!

UGH! NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN BY A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH! BELIEVE ME, YOU DESERVE BETTER THAN HIM, JANIE!

LOVE LETTERS

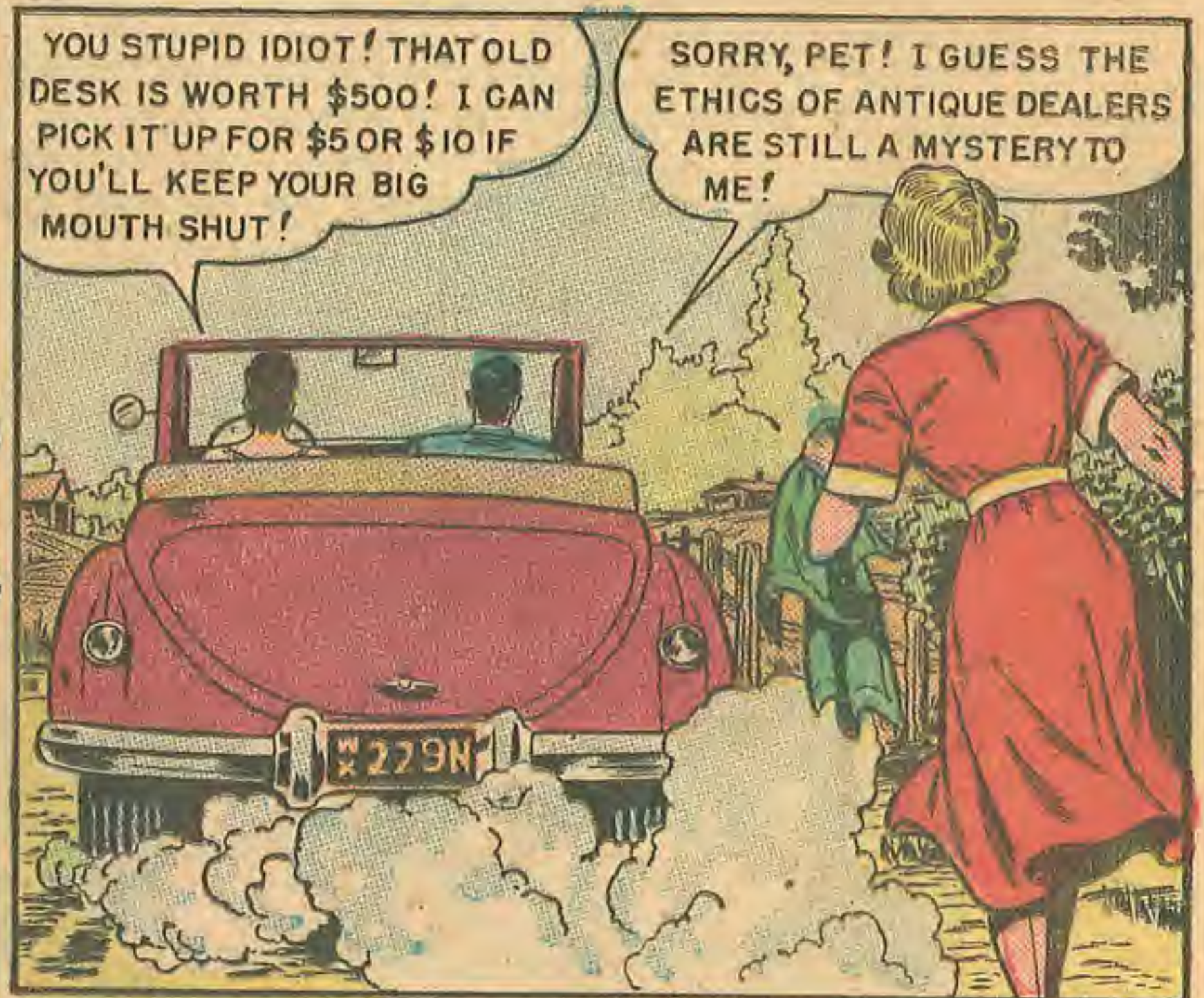
I tried to remind myself that Jimmy was Berna's fiance --- but under the spell of his kindness and sympathy my heart was stirring as it had never stirred before!



My brief happiness vanished as Berna and Fred came out!



As I ran up to the car, Berna's sharp voice reached me! Without meaning to eavesdrop, I halted ---



LOVE LETTERS



LOOK! IF THIS OLD DESK IS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU... MAYBE I'D BID ON IT MYSELF AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU!

OH, IT MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME, FRED!



OKAY! I'LL BUY IT... IF YOU'LL MARRY ME! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR DESK AND A HOME! I'LL HAVE A BETTER JOB AND THE OLD MAN OFF MY NECK!

WAIT, FRED! I... I... HAVE TO THINK! DON'T RUSH ME NOW!



OKAY, SWEET! I'LL DROP AROUND TONIGHT FOR YOUR ANSWER! THINK HARD... AND DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT, BABY!

When Fred had gone I put my head on the old desk and let my tears... and my memories... come flooding out!



SIT RIGHT HERE, BIG GIRL! YOU'RE ALL I'VE GOT LEFT, NOW! STAY CLOSE TO ME!

I'LL ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO YOU, DADDY! SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE A FAMOUS WRITER, AND I'LL SIT ON YOUR DESK AND HELP YOU!

But a train wreck ended those dreams! I went to live with Uncle Rob! Dad's desk was all I had left!



I D-DON'T CARE IF IT'S W-WORTH \$10,000 AS AN ANTIQUE... I WON'T LET SOMEONE ELSE GET IT! IT MEANS MORE TO M-ME!



OH, WH-WHY ISN'T THERE SOMEONE LIKE JIMMY IN MY LIFE? I COULD LOVE HIM SO! BUT HE'S GOING TO MARRY THAT BERNA MASON!

Then, unwanted and unbidden, came fancies that made my cheeks flame!



OH...! JIMMY, I'M SHAMELESS TO EVEN HARBOR SUCH THOUGHTS... B-BUT IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL! I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE!



I'VE GOT TO FORGET DREAMING AND BE PRACTICAL! I HAVE NO MONEY, AND AFTER TOMORROW I WON'T EVEN HAVE A HOME! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

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Only one thing to do... and that night I did it, though the doing made me sick with shame and disgust!

WHAT'S THE VERDICT, SUGAR? DO YOU WANT THAT JUNKY OLD DESK BAD ENOUGH TO TAKE A HUSBAND WITH IT?

Y-YES, FRED! I'LL M-MARRY YOU IF YOU'LL BUY THE DESK FOR ME!



I even nerved myself to endure Fred's triumphant, demanding kisses...and only shuddered inside!



But when he had finally gone...

OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE? I FEEL... UN-CLEAN! WHY DID I EVER MAKE SUCH AN UGLY, SHAMEFUL BARGAIN?



OH, JIMMY, JIMMY, WHY DID I HAVE TO MEET YOU WHEN YOU BELONG TO SOMEONE ELSE? I WISH I WERE D-DEAD!



The next morning I kept too busy for thinking...until noon, when the convertible drew up! Fred rushed right out!



I...I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH HIM WITH HER! WHY DID HE COME TODAY, TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR ME?

But a few moments later a familiar voice caressed my ears!

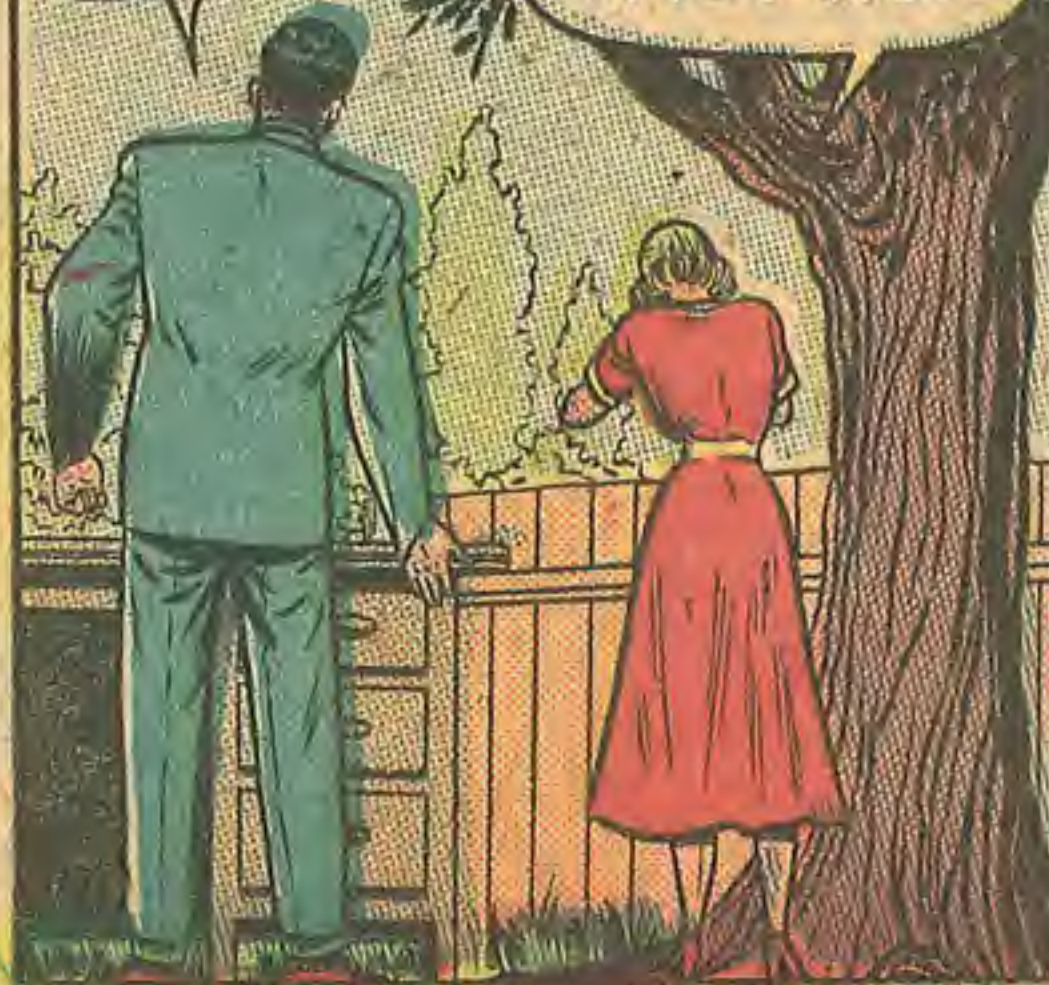
HELLO, JANIE! I...I GUESS WE MUST LOOK A LITTLE LIKE VULTURES TODAY, COMING OUT TO CAPITALIZE ON YOUR UNHAPPINESS!

H-HELLO, JIMMY! IT'S ALL RIGHT!



WHY, YOU'RE CRYING, JANIE! IS IT THIS DESK? HAS IT SOME SPECIAL SENTIMENTAL VALUE, DEAR?

Y-YES! IT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT THAT BELONGED TO D-DAD! THEY TOLD ME IT HAD TO BE S-SOLD!

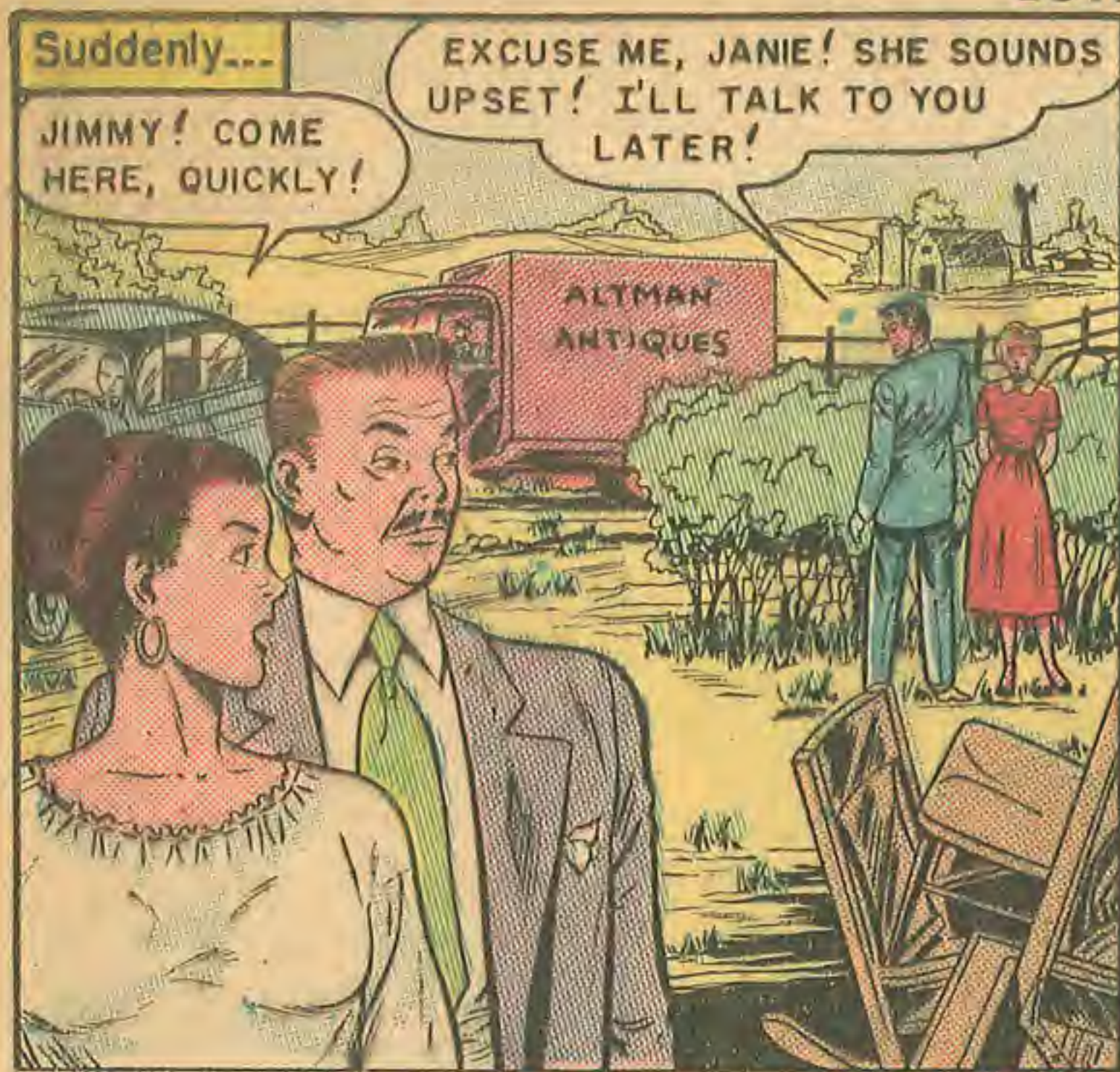


GOOD LORD! I HAD NO IDEA! IS THAT WHY YOU AGREED TO MARRY FRED? HE'S BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR ENGAGEMENT OUT THERE!

DON'T! DON'T MAKE IT ANY HARDER... PLEASE!



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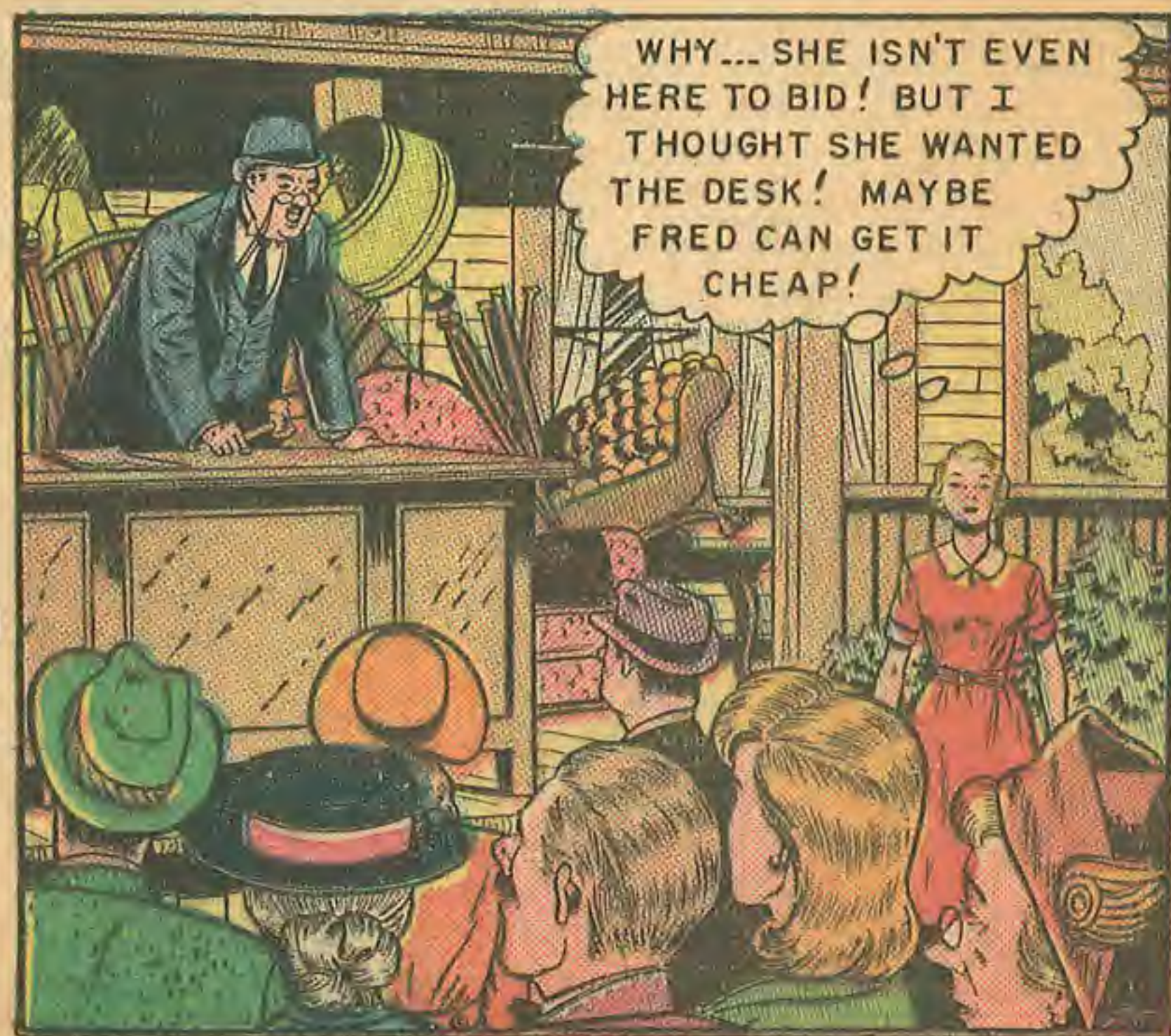
Later I overheard a conversation that taught me something about the business of buying antiques...



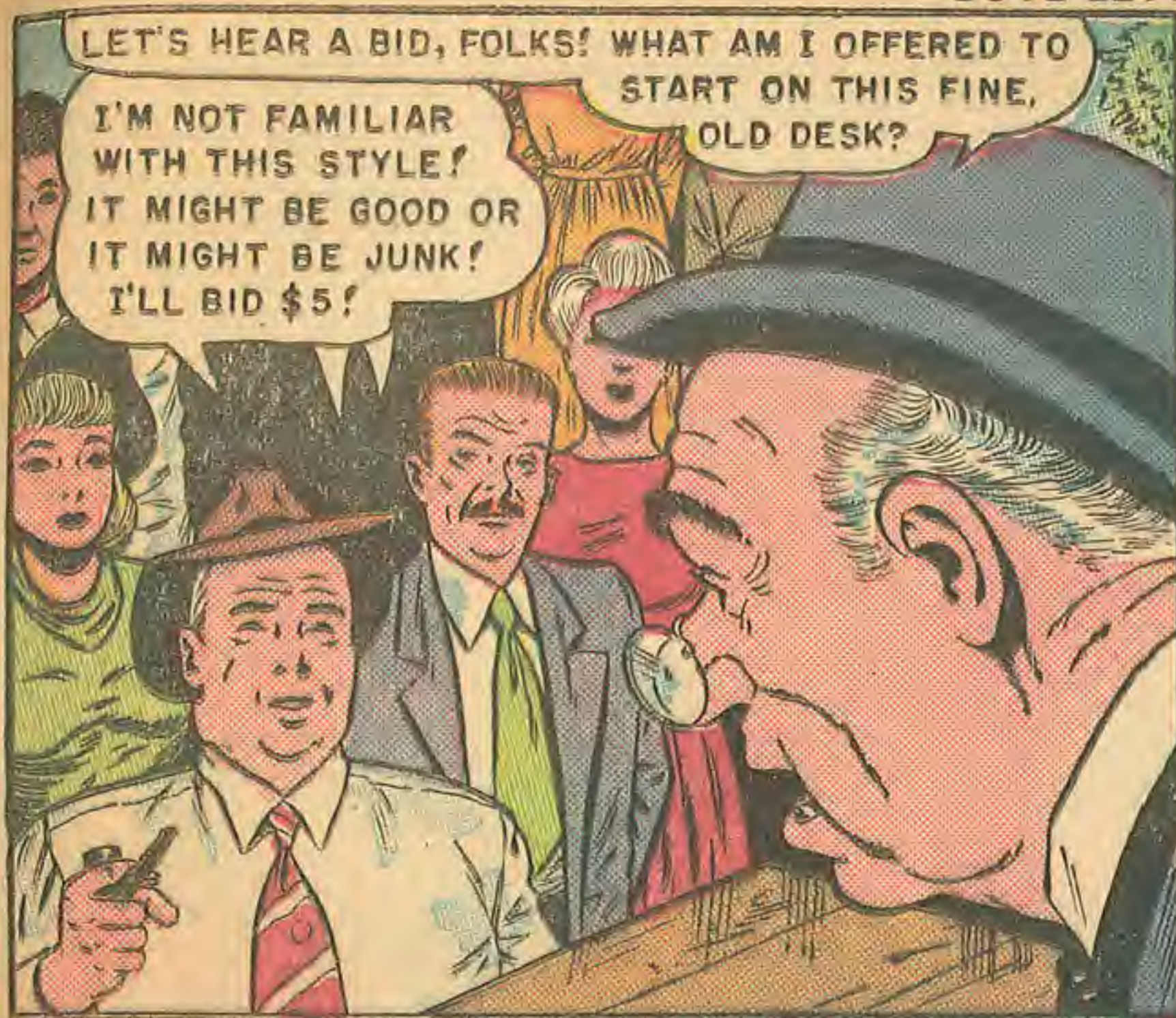
Then the auction began and I was too busy handing up items for sale to think of my troubles!



The sale moved on and came at last to the desk! I looked around for Berna Mason and was stunned...



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I CAN'T BLAME HIM! HE HAS TO BE LOYAL TO HER BECAUSE HE'S G--GOING TO MARRY HER! BUT HE SEEMED SO F--FINE AND KIND...

JANIE! WAIT---



JANIE, YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME EXPLAIN! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

I UN--UNDER-
STAND EVERY-
THING! JUST
G--GO AWAY AND
LET ME ALONE!



Suddenly a harsh, angry voice broke in---

THERE YOU ARE, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING HEEL! I HAD THAT DESK CINCHED FOR \$25 UNTIL YOU STUCK YOUR BIG MOUTH IN!

I--I DON'T UNDER-
STAND! FRED WAS
BUYING IT FOR M--ME!



BUT HE WASN'T, JANIE! BERNA HIRED HIM TO BUY IT FOR HER, SO ALTMAN WOULDN'T SUSPECT ITS REAL VALUE!

SO WHAT? I COULDA CLEARED A \$300 PROFIT, IF THIS WISE GUY HADN'T STUCK HIS OAR IN! JUST BECAUSE WE'D GOTTEN ENGAGED DOESN'T MEAN I HAD TO STOP LOOKING FOR A FAST BUCK!



THEN...THEN YOU WEREN'T BUYING IT FOR HER AT ALL?

THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO TELL YOU, JANE DEAR! I BOUGHT IT FOR YOU---



BUT IN MY HEART, I WAS HOPING TO BUY IT FOR US...FOR OUR HOME! YOU SEE, YESTERDAY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU, JANIE!

OH, JIMMY, AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU! I G--CRIED ALL NIGHT BECAUSE YOU TOOK MY HEART AND WOULDN'T GIVE IT BACK!



And so, as Fred and Berna walked disgustedly out of our lives, our hearts and our lips met and fused in the flame of eternal passion!

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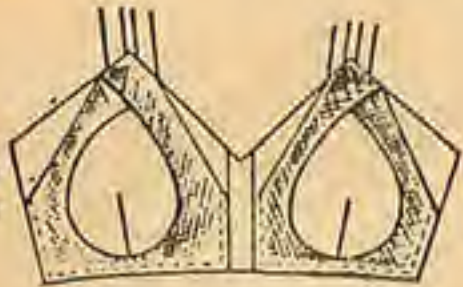
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AFTER

she wore "Yuth-Bust" Bra, her glamorous bustline permitted her to wear youthful, smart style clothes and go places with her husband.

MEDIUM BUST

SIZES
32 TO 42



New Patent Pend. constructed
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SIZES
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